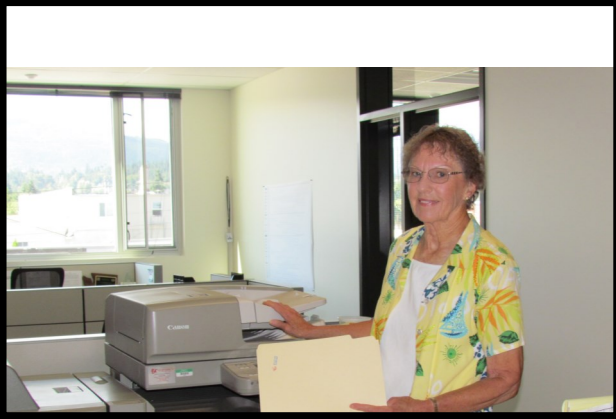


# VOLUNTEER CORNER

## Volunteering is an Important Way to Give Back



Volunteer Gayle Larson scans and names files for digital storage.

Gayle Larson happened to sit next to Volunteer Coordinator Pam Leonard-Ray at a Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, that she was attending with her husband a Sequim Volunteer in Police Service, when Pam told her about the variety of volunteer opportunities there are with the City. Previously Gayle had volunteered for several years doing trash pick-up along Highway 101.

“Pam told me they were looking for volunteers to do clerical work, and I felt that was something I could do,” Gayle said.

Gayle scans and names old files that can then be digitally stored instead of taking up physical storage space. She has a background in clerical tasks through school and work, but said that computers were not a part of the picture then.

“Volunteering is important to me as a way to give back,” Gayle said. “I meet interesting people and it gets me out of the house doing something different.”

Gayle and her husband have lived in Sequim for 19 years when they moved here for him to take a job in Port Angeles. They discovered that Sequim was a popular retirement community and it turned out to be a great place to settle.

“I love the community and all of the activities we can attend or be involved with. I enjoy being outdoors and love the Olympic Discovery Trail for walking and biking. Oh, and did I mention, I love working in the new ‘digs!’”, she said.

To find out how you can give back by volunteering for the City of Sequim, contact Volunteer Coordinator Pamela Leonard-Ray at (360) 582-2447 or [pleonard-ray@sequimwa.gov](mailto:pleonard-ray@sequimwa.gov) or City Clerk Karen Kuznek-Reese at (360) 681-3428 or [kkuznek@sequimwa.gov](mailto:kkuznek@sequimwa.gov).